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SUBJECT: COMPENSATION COSTS IN RAYON STAPLE FIBER INDUSTRY

INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS BUREAU (ILAB) OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF LABOR REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMA-
TION ON COMPENSATION COSTS FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN THE
RAYON STAPLE FIBER INDUSTRY FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH AN
ANTI-DUMPING CASE.

ILAB HAS OBTAINED FROM THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS)
DATA ON ESTIMATED HOURLY COMPENSATION OF PRODUCTION WORKERS
IN THE TOTAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRY FOR SWEDEN. HOWEVER, DATA
ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR RAYON STAPLE FIBER WORKERS FROM THE
SOURCES USED BY BLS.

BLS ESTIMATES THAT TOTAL COMPENSATION PER HOUR WORKED OF
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PRODUCTION WORKERS IN ALL CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS
INDUSTRIES IN SWEDEN WAS 38.87 KRONOR IN FIRST HALF 1977.
TOTAL HOURLY COMPENSATION INCLUDES ALL DIRECT PAYMENTS
MADE TO THE WORKER (PAY FOR TIME WORKED, PAY FOR VACATIONS,
HOLIDAYS, AND OTHER LEAVE, ALL BONUSES, AND PAY IN KIND)
BEFORE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OF ANY KIND, PLUS EMPLOYER
EXPENDITURES FOR LEGALLY-REQUIRED INSURANCE PROGRAMS AND

CONTRACTUAL AND PRIVATE PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF EMPLOYEES

AND THE 4 PERCENT PAYROLL TAX. THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON PUBLISHED AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF 25.42 KRONOR AND A 52.9 PERCENT ADJUSTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION NOT INCLUDED IN PUBLISHED EARNINGS. THE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS ARE FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, HOURS, AND WAGES OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MINING, QUARRYING AND MANUFACTURING CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS. THE RATIOS OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO PUBLISHED EARNINGS ARE BASED ON DATA FROM THE QUARTERLY LABOR COST INDEX FOR WORKERS IN MINING, QUARRYING AND MANUFACTURING, ALSO COMPILED BY THE NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS. RATIOS OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO PUBLISHED EARNINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR TOTAL CHEMICAL, PETROLEUM AND COAL, AND RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES (SNI 35).

ILAB WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE THE BLS ESTIMATES--PARTICULARLY TOTAL EMPLOYMENT COST OR BASIC WAGE DATA IN NATIONAL CURRENCY FOR RAYON STAPLE FIBER WORKERS--FROM UNPUBLISHED WAGE SURVEY STATISTICS, MANUFACTURERS' REPORTS, OR OTHER SOURCES. ILAB WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT COSTS FOR SKILLED CHEMICAL ENGINEERS IN THE RAYON STAPLE FIBER

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OR TOTAL SYNTHETIC FIBER INDUSTRY. ILAB WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY. VANCE

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